





Once upon a time there was a merchant with three daughters.



He was going on a trip and asked his daughter what they wanted him to bring back. The first two daughters wanted beautiful dresses.



The third daughter wanted only one rose.



The merchant began his trip and travelled through a dark forest.



In the forest, he found a castle.





And in the castle garden he found and picked a rose.



The owner of the castle, a beast, caught the merchant taking his rose. The beast was very angry. The merchant said the rose was for his daughter, Belle.





The beast told the merchant to bring the girl to the castle.



Belle did not want her father to be hurt so she went to live with the beast.



They ate dinner together and chatted every day for many months. The beast was nice and kind to Belle.



The beast fell in love with Belle.



The beast had a magic mirror.





It showed Belle her father was sick and dying.



She begged the beast to let her go see her dying father. The beast agreed but said to return in seven days.



She went to her father



and he became well again.



Belle did not return to the beast's castle. One month later she dreamed that the beast was sick and dying.





Belle rode back to the castle quickly.



Belle went to the beast and said "Please don't die. I love you".



Magically the beast turned into a prince.



The prince and Belle were married and lived happily ever after.